

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner:

For: Synchronous Change Data Capture in a Relational Database

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 by way of replacement as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claim is enclosed in the Appendix.

3. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising, during the commit of the transaction, the steps of:

obtaining a concurrency lock;

after obtaining the concurrency lock, generating the system change number and performing

said recording the transaction identifier and the system change number in the second

database table, and concluding the commit; and

after said recording the transaction identifier and the system change number in the second

database table, releasing the concurrency lock.

REMARKS

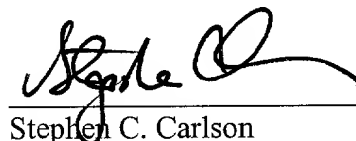
Claim 3 is amended to correct a typographical error in the dependency. Care was exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8516 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (Once Amended) A method according to claim [3] 1, further comprising, during the commit of the transaction, the steps of:

obtaining a concurrency lock;

after obtaining the concurrency lock, generating the system change number and performing

said recording the transaction identifier and the system change number in the second

database table, and concluding the commit; and

after said recording the transaction identifier and the system change number in the second

database table, releasing the concurrency lock.